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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Cech et al. Examiner: Unassigned Application No.: 08/912,951 Art Unit: 1815 Filed: August 14, 1997 PETITION TO EXTEND TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a) For: HUMAN TELOMERASE CATALYTIC) SUBUNIT: DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC METHODS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Missing Parts Notice, dated December 2, 1997 for one month, from February 2, 1998 to March 2, 1998. An appropriate response to the Office Action in the form of a response is enclosed herewith.

Please charge \$110, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17, to the Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above Deposit Account. Petition is submitted in triplicate.

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